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PM meets MKs in coalition crisis

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has invited several members of the coalition to meet with him today in the wake of growing dissent over the government's handling of the further redeployment and Har Homa.

Netanyahu is expected to meet with, among others, MKs Hanan Porat and Zvi Hendel of the National Religious Party and Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled of Tsomet, all of whom are threatening to vote against the government in a Labor motion of no-confidence.

MK Yossi Beilin and other Labor leaders yesterday urged the party to reconsider its faction decision last week to put off a vote of no-confidence in Netanyahu, due to his trip to Russia tomorrow. The decision, made by Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen and party chairman Shimon Peres in response to a request by coalition chairman Michael Eitan (Likud), was seen in Labor as Peres's way of appeasing Netanyahu, in the hope of forming a national unity government.

Eitan yesterday continued to call for the formation of a unity government.

Foreign Minister David Levy will decide today whether to put off his scheduled trip to the United States because of the crisis within the coalition.

A vote of no-confidence needs a 61-MK majority to pass. If it does pass, this would mean new elections for both prime minister and the Knesset.

MK David Re'em (Likud) called on Netanyahu to resign, "because his voters have lost their faith in him after he broke various promises." Re'em said he would vote against the prime minister in a no-confidence motion.

Netanyahu has abandoned the Likud way and his promises as if they never existed," said Re'em. "Netanyahu is not even demanding that [Yasser] Arafat change the Palestinian Covenant as he promised as a condition for the continuation of the diplomatic process. Israel is divesting itself of all its assets and by the time the talks on the permanent arrangements take place, there will be nothing left to give up. This is not what we dreamed of."

Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee chairman Uzi Landau (Likud) also said he is also considering voting no-confidence in the prime minister.

The NRP's Hendel and Porat have both said they would vote no-confidence, while Shaul Yahalom is demanding the NRP faction discuss leaving the coalition.

Deputy Education Minister Peled and Haim Dayan (both Tsomet) have also said they would either vote no-confidence in the prime minister or absent themselves.

The two-member Moledet faction — Rehavam Ze'evi and Benny Elon — announced on Friday they too would vote against Netanyahu in a no-confidence motion.

On the other hand, Yisrael Ba'Aliya faction chairman Roman Bronfman said "there is no doubt that Yisrael Ba'aliya will remain faithful coalition partners."

Beilin, who is running for the Labor Party leadership, yesterday came out strongly against the formation of a national unity govern-

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Rehov Bar-Ilan protest resumes

Haredim demonstrating on Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan flee from police yesterday morning. About 500 haredim were involved in the protest; they shouted 'Shabbos' at passing motorists, threw garbage into the street and attempted to block traffic. Police kept the street open. (AP)

Arabs press for Har Homa debate in UN General Assembly

By MARILYN HENRY, MILLE KUTTNER, and news agencies

NEW YORK — Arab countries pressed yesterday for an emergency meeting of the 185-nation UN General Assembly, after the United States on Friday vetoed a Security Council resolution calling on Israel to abandon plans for a new Jewish neighborhood on Jerusalem's Har Homa.

The vote in the 15-nation council late Friday was 14 in favor, with only the US opposing the resolution, which was sponsored by four of its European Union allies — Britain, France, Portugal, and Sweden.

A similar resolution is considered certain to win overwhelming backing in the assembly, where there is no veto but whose resolutions are not binding.

The US was among nearly 50 countries that criticized Israel's decision during a two-day council debate. But Ambassador Bill Richardson, the new US envoy, said the council is not an appropriate forum for issues now under discussion between Israel and the Palestinians.

He also said the resolution made "sweeping statements concerning the legal status of Israeli settlements," which Israel and the Palestinians had agreed would be on permanent status issues to be discussed at forthcoming talks.

"The adoption of unbalanced positions by outside parties can only damage this process," said David Peleg, the Israeli charge d'affaires.

In Jerusalem, Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur expressed satisfaction at the US veto as well as Israel's "serious reservations" over the European initiative in the resolution.

The current chairman of the Arab group, which initiated the council debate, Ambassador Nasser bin Hamad al-Khalifa of Qatar, said an emergency session of the assembly would be convened as soon as possible.

"We will achieve a solution which is accepted by the majority of the human race," he told reporters.

The Palestinian Authority's UN observer, Nasser Kidwa, said the US veto would have a negative impact on the Middle East peace process. The veto "might be misunderstood by the Israelis... as some kind of green light or yellow light for them to proceed with their project," Kidwa added.

In Washington, US officials said they remain opposed to the Har Homa decision, but that with an Israeli-Palestinian peace process established, the UN is the wrong forum for addressing the controversy.

State Department spokesman Elaine McDevitt warned that it would be a "tragedy" should the Palestinians respond with violence, because "only through negotiations" have Palestinians attained their goals.

Also Friday, the US issued a mixed response to the cabinet's decision on redeploying from about 9 percent of the territories.

"We believe this decision is a demonstration of Israel's commitment to the peace process," a statement released by spokesman Nicholas Burns said. "This decision is not clear that the



US ambassador to the UN Bill Richardson (left) and Israeli representative David Peleg before Friday's Security Council debate. (AP)

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Spitting image: Teacher's DNA shows blood tie to 9,000-year-old skeleton

LONDON (AP) — Using DNA from a tooth, scientists have established a blood tie between a 9,000-year-old skeleton known as "Cheddar Man" and an English schoolteacher who lives just one kilometer from the cave where the bones were found.

It is the longest human lineage ever traced, the team of scientists from Oxford University's Institute of Molecular Medicine said yesterday.

The scientists announced that Adrian Targett, 42, a history teacher in the town of Cheddar in southwest England, shares a common ancestor with Cheddar Man.

"They would have shared a common ancestor about 10,000 years ago so they are related — just not very closely," said Dr. Bryan Sykes, leader of the research team.

Targett was startled by the news. "I am overwhelmed, a bit surprised," said Targett, whose ancestry was revealed during the filming of a documentary. "I was just about to say I hope it's not me."

Targett suggested that if more people were tested, researchers would find other relatives of Cheddar Man.

Dr. Larry Barham, a Texas-born archeologist at Bristol University, said the finding "adds to the evidence that Britons came from a race of hunter-gatherers who later turned to farming because they found it was to their advantage."

Opponents of this theory argue that Britons are descendants of Middle Eastern farmers.

To get the DNA, scientists extracted cells from a molar tooth of Cheddar Man. They compared the mitochondrial DNA — which is inherited unchanged on the maternal line — with samples of mitochondrial DNA from the cheek cells of 15 pupils at the Kings of Wessex school, where Targett works, and five adults from old Cheddar families.

Prof. Chris Stringer, a researcher at London's Natural History Museum, said one problem with the research "is that we don't know that Cheddar Man had any children. This is mitochondrial DNA that is only inherited through the maternal link, so this would come from Cheddar Man's mother or his sister."

The discovery came when a television director was researching a series on archeology.

Search of information on whether cannibalism was practiced by Stone Age man, scientists took the sample of cells from the jaw of Cheddar Man.

US pledged support for 9 percent pullback

By DAVID MAKOVSKY and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu secured a US promise to issue a qualified endorsement if the cabinet voted late Thursday night to withdraw from 9.1% of the West Bank, sources indicated.

The cabinet voted 10-7 to approve the 9.1% pullback, and the US endorsed it within an hour of the vote. The US statement, issued by State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns, said the US welcomed the move, while being hopeful that Israel would do more in the second and third pullbacks.

"We believe this decision is a demonstration of Israel's commitment to the peace process," Burns said, adding the pullback "represents a serious expansion of Palestinian authority."

The government wanted the US statement out of concern Israel would be accused by the Palestinians of approving a pullback that was not sufficient.

The redeployment is expected to be carried out by the end of this week, military sources said. OC Central Command Maj. Gen. Uzi Dayan and Maj. Gen. Gabi Ophir, the commander of IDF forces in Judea and Samaria, are planning to meet with settlers leaders to explain the security ramifications of the government's decision.

"And there are a lot of them," said one military source.

Both Netanyahu and General Security Service head Ami Ayalon said during the marathon cabinet session Thursday night that a 9% pullback, which was close to the 10% the US was urging, provided the best hope for the Palestinians would not riot in response to the planned construction on Har Homa, cabinet-level sources said.

According to this view, the Palestinians would find it difficult to get violent if the pullback won American approval, however qualified.

However, Palestinian officials had been publicly insisting that this pullback would involve 30% of the territory. So it is not clear that the

much smaller pullback, combined with frustration at the US veto of a UN Security Council resolution on Har Homa, will be enough to prevent Palestinian rioting when bulldozers are to begin work at Har Homa in about a week.

Ministers suggested that the GSS's evaluation helped carry the vote for Netanyahu, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, and Foreign Minister David Levy, who all favored this option. Pullbacks of 5% and 7% were also proposed, but not voted upon.

Contrary to reports, it was apparently Netanyahu, as well as Mordechai, Levy, and Finance Minister Dan Meridor, who phoned US Ambassador Martin Indyk during the meeting to both inform him of the direction of the vote, and to ensure that the scope of the pullback would elicit a US statement.

The planned pullback includes the town of Halhoul, near Hebron, some territory near Bethlehem, and territories just outside of Jenin, Nablus, and Ramallah. There is no territory being given up that would link Palestinian cities.

Of the 9%, 7% comes from Area B, the territories under shared Israeli-Palestinian control; these areas will now become part of Area A, which is exclusively controlled by the Palestinian Authority. Area A will now encompass 10% of the West Bank.

The rest of the territory to be yielded comes from Area C, which until now has been under exclusive Israeli control. Two percent of this is to become Area B, and 0.1% is to become part of Area A. Following the pullback, Area C will comprise 68% of the West Bank, and Area B some 22%.

Meanwhile, officers in the Central Command are to get the details of the government's decision today, so that regional commanders can draw up plans for the redeployment.

Regional brigade commanders have to decide what additional security measures are needed, such as joint patrols or additional police or troop presence, before the pullback can take place.

Ze'evi 'Jewboy' slur draws official apology

WASHINGTON (AP) — The US State Department spokesman said Friday he was glad that Moledet MK Rehavam Ze'evi, who hurled an ethnic insult at American Ambassador Martin Indyk and challenged him to a fistfight, later apologized.

"We expect that all members of the Israeli Knesset, including the individual in question, will treat our ambassador with dignity. I think that point has been made to the individual in question," department spokesman Nicholas Burns told reporters.

Israel's Foreign Ministry said Friday it regretted "the offensive statements" aimed at Indyk.

Yediot Aharonot reported Friday that Ze'evi had called Indyk a "Jewboy" and a "son of a bitch" at a memorial ceremony on Thursday for prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Ze'evi, who often criticizes the United States for putting pressure on Israel in talks with Arabs, used the same insult last month in the Knesset plenum. He was formally rebuked.

The newspaper said Indyk told Ze'evi: "The last time somebody called me a 'Jewboy' was when I was 15 and then he got a punch in the face."

Ze'evi replied: "Well, try me. Let's see you. You are a Jewboy."

Indyk: "You are a disgrace to your people."

Ze'evi: "You are a son of a bitch."

Yediot said Ze'evi later offered an apology, which Indyk accepted.

The Foreign Ministry statement said Indyk "personifies the friendship" between Israel and the United States.

"There is no place for such remarks against the ambassador of a foreign country. The Foreign Ministry values [Indyk's] personal contribution and professionalism for years toward the Israel-US relationship," it said. "Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur telephoned Ambassador Indyk and expressed his regret over the offensive statements."

"It is the ambassador's view that the matter is closed," US spokesman Richard Scorzsa said.



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NEWS

in brief

Four-month baby dropped from window

A four-month-old boy was dropped from the third-floor window of his Jerusalem apartment onto a first-floor balcony yesterday afternoon by his 11-year-old sister.

The boy is in critical condition at Hadassah-University Hospital, at Ein Kerem. Medics who arrived on the scene found his head had swollen to twice its normal size. The incident took place on Binat Yissachar Street, in Kiryat Beit.

Eli Wohlgelemer

Yahav demands debate over IDF dog unit

Following a Channel 1 story on the use of attack dogs in the IDF, MK Yona Yahav (Labor) said he would raise the issue in a motion to the agenda in the Knesset plenum. According to Yahav, who has studied the subject for several months, the dog-handling unit lacks trained manpower which prevents it from being used to its full potential and even leads to unnecessary loss of life.

He said both the dogs and their handlers were not sufficiently trained and the IDF lacks a policy of integrating the dog unit with its other operations.

Liat Collins

GSS confirms Palestinians released prisoners

General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon told the cabinet at its special session late Thursday night that the Palestinian Authority had released dozens of security prisoners in recent weeks, including those who had killed Jews. He was responding to a question from Communications Minister Limor Livnat.

Tim

Curfew imposed on Beit Omar

The IDF yesterday imposed a curfew on the village of Beit Omar, on the Gush Etzion-Hebron road, following disturbances there which began on Friday. Village youths threw stones at IDF soldiers and border policemen on Friday and again yesterday.

Villagers said the violence was in response to news that Beit Omar would not be included in the first stage of the IDF pullout and that they wanted to express their resentment at being abandoned by the Palestinian Authority.

Tim

Two killed in weekend road accidents

A four-year-old boy was run over by a bus and killed Friday afternoon near his home in Kiryat Sefer. Also Friday, 23-year-old Guy Shlaf of Holon was killed when his motorcycle hit a truck in Jaffa.

There were 49 road accidents over the weekend, in addition to the two people killed, 74 people were injured, one seriously and three moderately.

Tim

Rabbi to meet Clinton on cloning

Rabbi Chaim Silverman, an activist of Rafah (Medicine According to Halacha) in the US, is to meet Tuesday with President Bill Clinton in Washington to discuss genetic cloning and to present him with the halachic approach to the issue.

Rafah officials here are waiting for the results of that meeting, before holding a session here to discuss the halachic ramifications of the issue.

Rabbi Yehoshua Scheinberger, chairman of Rafah, said that the US has classified information relating to cloning, and it was hoped that Silverman would be able to get access to some of that information, which would help rabbis formulate a firmer halachic position.

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sion on the first phase of further redeployment represents a serious expansion of Palestinian authority. It is only the first step in a three-phase process and we hope the government of Israel will do more in the second and third phases.

Burns also said that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu briefed Secretary of State Madeleine Albright after the decision was taken Thursday night.

In an appearance Friday before the National Association of Arab Americans, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said Egypt is withholding comment until it consults with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. But he criticized what he called Israel's "return to the illegal policy of settlements, actions that would alter the status of

Jerusalem." He said a continuation of the policy would lead to a "real crisis" in the peace negotiations.

In Gaza yesterday, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat chastised the US for its veto, calling it "a completely wrong decision." (See story, Page 2)

The defeated council resolution would have expressed deep concern over Israel's decision to "initiate new settlement activities in the Jabal Abu Ghneim area in East Jerusalem." It would have called on "the Israeli authorities to refrain from all actions or measures, including settlement activities, which alter the facts on the ground, preempting the final status negotiations, and have negative implications for the Middle East peace process."

The previous US veto was in May 1995, to block a resolution calling on Israel to rescind the expropriation of 53 hectares of Arab land in eastern Jerusalem.

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ment.

"Labor would be making a mistake if it gave Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's government the oxygen it needs to survive," Beilin told party activists in Netanyahu.

Beilin called for holding a no-

confidence vote tomorrow, stressing "there is no reason in the world not to vote no-confidence in this bad government."

MK Ehud Barak, considered to be ahead of rival Beilin in the race for party leadership, said that forming a unity government now is out of the question and "anyone who does so will be branded with a mark of disgrace."

Egypt faces scolding on antisemitism

Congress increasingly riled over inflammatory remarks in Egyptian press

By HILLE KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - As President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Washington yesterday for a four-day visit, Congress was once again upset with Egypt.

The latest point of contention is Foreign Minister Amr Moussa's minimizing complaints voiced by members of the House International Relations Committee of antisemitism in the Egyptian press.

According to participants in their meeting on Thursday, Moussa retorted that since Arabs are Semitic, the Egyptian press could not be antisemitic. He also reportedly stated that regardless, the Israeli press was nasty toward Egypt.

"He brushed it off. Maybe he doesn't realize how serious people are about this," a key House of Representatives aide said Friday. "I don't think Amr Moussa does [understand]. If he does, he doesn't show it. Egypt considers itself a leader in the Arab world. There are privileges. There are responsibilities. ...

"They just don't get the depth and breadth of members' concerns about the peace process, antisemitism in the press, human rights - the whole panoply of issues."

There are indications that some members of the House would now support reducing Egypt's aid package due to the growing list of grievances.

The aide said that symbolically slicing into Egypt's \$800 million in annual economic assistance (Cairo also gets \$1.2 billion in military aid) is a "real" possibility in light of the "cumulative" effect of what is seen as Egypt's unhelpfulness in the peace process. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith will greet Mubarak with a full-page advertisement in tomorrow's *New York Times* that shows three derogatory cartoons from the Egyptian press. The advertisement is headlined: "You have the power, President Mubarak, to stop the antisemitic hate in Egypt. Use it."

Mubarak is to meet tomorrow morning with President Bill Clinton as well as with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

International Relations Committee chairman Benjamin Gilman and Democratic member Tom Lantos did raise the issue of the antisemitism during the meeting Thursday with Moussa. However, there was no discussion of tying Egypt's performance on that or the peace process to its aid package.

In a committee hearing last month, Lantos complained to Albright about Cairo being "less than helpful" in the peace talks and suggested that aid could be used as a lever.

But Jo Bonner, spokesman for House foreign operations subcommittee chairman Sonny Callahan, said Friday that

Callahan would not support a cut unless the Clinton administration requested it.

After talks with French President Jacques Chirac in Paris on Friday, Mubarak said that the Middle East peace process was going through a tough period but was not on the verge of crumbling.

Mubarak told reporters after dinner at Chirac's Elysee Palace late on Friday: "One cannot say that the peace process threatens to collapse. It is true that it is going through a difficult phase."

Mubarak said that the issue of peace in the Middle East had been on the agenda for the past 50 years and could not be resolved quickly. "It is certainly going to face several problems, but with goodwill we're going to succeed," he said.

Chirac told reporters he had once again noted that Egypt and France saw eye-to-eye on bilateral, regional and peace process issues, and world and especially African questions. "Everything that President Mubarak said, I could have said," Chirac added.

A Chirac spokesman said that the attitude toward new Jewish settlement of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, whom Mubarak met on Wednesday in Cairo, prompted concern on his commitment to the peace process.



Peace Now activists march with torches last night from Mar Elias toward Har Homa, to protest against the planned construction of the Jerusalem neighborhood.

Har Homa protest ends peacefully

By JON IMMANUEL and news agencies

Some 2,000 protesters marched toward Har Homa on Friday. Marwan Barghouti, Fatah head in the West Bank and Palestinian legislative council member, said the turnout, in sunny weather, was relatively low, because "23 buses were stopped at roadblocks north of Jerusalem."

Protesters from Hebron said they had arrived at the site only because they came early.

Salah Taamari, council member for Bethlehem, said there had never been a plan to expend energy on a one-time massive demonstration but to "come again and again and again."

The marchers, who started from a school in Beit Sahur, shouted slogans including "Shame on Netanyahu," but were stopped by a line of soldiers and policemen on a hilltop opposite Har Homa at the Jerusalem municipal border. The marchers protested peacefully and there was no tension.

Prayers, first for Moslems and then for Christians, were held and Jewish supporters from Gush Shalom (the Peace Bloc) sang peace songs. Peace Now and other activists, including Meretz MKs, marched from Mar Elias toward Har Homa in a torchlight parade last night.

Senior security sources said they do not think the Palestinian Authority wants to encourage violence, but rather "to build a case" through constant civil protest that would encourage the international community to force Israel to back down and add to the PA's diplomatic clout.

Yesterday, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat met with Jordanian Prime Minister Abdel-Karim Kabariti in Gaza and deplored the US veto to the UN Security Council debate on Har Homa.

"This was completely the wrong decision," Arafat was quoted as saying. "What the Israelis have done needs strict discipline of international legality to stop it."

Kabariti, taking Arafat's hand in his, affirmed Jordan's support of Arafat's position, saying it is up to the US "to prove that the veto does not mean some kind of backtracking." Arafat left with Kabariti for Amman, where he was greeted by King Hussein.

PA Information Minister Yasser Abed-Rabbo warned that the US decision was not an attempt to protect the peace process, but "a position against the Palestinian people."

of the diplomatic deadlock, the official added.

"The parties concerned should not wait too long before negotiations resume, since maintaining the status quo might be dangerous for the whole region," the diplomat stressed.

During a Middle East tour last week, French Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette met with officials in Israel, Syria and Lebanon, in an attempt to narrow the gap.

"There is a serious problem of lack of confidence, mainly on the Syrian side," according to a diplomat who accompanied de Charette on his visit to the region. "Syria wants to have guarantees as to the application of the principle of 'land for peace.' The Syrians will not agree to resume the talks with Israel without such guarantees. They fear that without them, talks will be blocked by the Israelis for a long time."

The French are very concerned about a possible military escalation in south Lebanon as a result

Milo to support boycott of mall if McDonald's forced to close on Shabbat

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo will support a consumers' boycott of the Ramat Aviv shopping mall if its owners Africa Israel decide to close the McDonald's restaurant there on Shabbat.

Milo, who spoke on Channel 1's *Shabbat Game* yesterday, was commenting on Africa Israel's intention not to allow McDonald's to operate on the weekend in the mall.

"Africa Israel will be taking a very big risk if it tries to act against the will of its consumers. I don't exclude the possibility of a consumers' boycott against the company and against shopping in their mall. If they insist on closing McDonald's on Shabbat, it may well lead to a confrontation," Milo said.

Omri Padan, McDonald's managing director and Israel franchise owner, said yesterday that his contract enables him to operate a non-kosher restaurant in the mall on Saturday, if there are other places of business open there too. He noted that the cinemas also intend to operate on weekends.

Padan said that on weekends McDonald's restaurants get double the customers and business than on weekdays, "because this is what the public wants, it's part of the family entertainment for the Israeli public, as it is in Europe and the United States. It would be hard to operate a fast food chain which is open on weekdays only."

Padan said on the weekends he employs teenagers. Since the law forbids forcing him to close down on Saturdays, "The Labor minister searched around and found a law from 1951, which forbids a Jewish boy or girl to work on Shabbat. He sent a team of Druse inspectors to check the religious identity of the workers," he said.

Show host Menashe Raz noted that commercials for cheeseburgers are still being broadcast on Channel 2, although religious circles are demanding the ads be taken off the air.

Padan pointed out "the cheeseburger is a product legally sold in the State of Israel, and it is unprecedented to censor the advertisement of a product openly and legally sold."

IAF blasts Hizbullah targets

By DAVID RUDGE

At least one Hizbullah gunman was reported to have been killed or wounded during continuing fighting in south Lebanon over the weekend.

IDF warplanes struck at targets of the extremist Shi'ite organization in the J'ba'a area north of the security zone yesterday.

There were no immediate reports of any casualties in the air raid. The IDF spokesman said the pilots reported accurate hits and that all planes returned safely to their bases.

The air strike followed a Hizbullah mortar attack on IDF and South Lebanese Army troops in the eastern part of the zone. There were no casualties in the attack, and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Earlier in the day, Hizbullah gunners fired mortars and Sagger anti-tank missiles at an SLA position in the Zummriya area, also in the eastern sector of the zone. There were no casualties and IDF

and SLA gunners returned fire. One Hizbullah gunman was reported hit by the return fire.

Reports from Lebanon said the shelling was relatively heavy, with IDF and SLA gunners firing more than 100 artillery rounds.

Fighting was also reported on Friday, apparently in the Soujoud-Rehan region in the zone's eastern sector, when mortars and at least one anti-tank missile were fired at IDF troops.

There were no casualties in that incident either, for which Hizbullah also claimed responsibility, and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Meanwhile, there were reports from Lebanon that SLA troops had vacated two positions in the Kafir Falus area, in the Christian-dominated Jezzine enclave north of the zone over the weekend.

Lebanese radio and television reports maintained that the movement was a sign that Israel intends to implement a "Jezzine first" decision as a prelude to a possible withdrawal from south Lebanon.

France: Lack of Syrian accord may cause regional deterioration

By ELDAD BECK

PARIS - The lack of any evident flexibility in the positions of either Israel or Syria means that peace talks between the two countries are unlikely to resume soon, and the situation in the region might deteriorate, French officials said over the weekend.

During a Middle East tour last week, French Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette met with officials in Israel, Syria and Lebanon, in an attempt to narrow the gap.

"There is a serious problem of lack of confidence, mainly on the Syrian side," according to a diplomat who accompanied de Charette on his visit to the region. "Syria wants to have guarantees as to the application of the principle of 'land for peace.' The Syrians will not agree to resume the talks with Israel without such guarantees. They fear that without them, talks will be blocked by the Israelis for a long time."

The French are very concerned about a possible military escalation in south Lebanon as a result

of the diplomatic deadlock, the official added.

"The parties concerned should not wait too long before negotiations resume, since maintaining the status quo might be dangerous for the whole region," the diplomat stressed.

Despite the French pessimism, the French source said his country and the European Union intend to continue their efforts to revivify the Syrian-Israeli dialogue.

"It is normal that at the end of the negotiations, both countries will have full diplomatic ties, with embassies. As to the rest, once the negotiations will resume they will have their own dynamic, which will define the evolution of relations," he said.

As to the future of French-Israeli relations, de Charette was very encouraged by the talks he held with Israeli leaders, politicians and intellectuals, according to the source.

During his visit to Israel, a joint committee was established that will oversee the furthering of bilateral ties.

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Albanian rebels loot main army base

News agencies

GIROKASTER - Hundreds of rebels ransacked the main army base in southern Albania yesterday while bewildered soldiers stood by, eyewitnesses said.

Jubilant rebels seized thousands of arms including assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenades and launchers, and then left the base firing their new weapons in the air, they said.

Meanwhile, former Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky yesterday headed for Tirana in charge of a one-day fact-finding mission for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The OSCE initiative follows similar missions by the Council of Europe and the European Union.

Vranitzky early this week had been asked by chairman-in-office of the 53-nation OSCE, Danish Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Petersen, to go to Tirana. But that

trip was delayed by initial Albanian government opposition.

Vranitzky's delegation includes representatives from ten other countries - the trika countries - Switzerland, Denmark and Poland, the previous, current and next country holding chairmanship of the organization, the European Union trika countries Ireland, Netherlands and Luxembourg as well as the United States, Russia, Italy and Greece.

In the south of Albania Gjirokastrer, 30 km from the Greek border, is the main government stronghold and one of the few towns which has not joined the revolt against President Sali Berisha.

Earlier yesterday, at least six army helicopters arrived in Gjirokastrer and disgorged dozens of troops to bolster morale in the beleaguered town, which is cut off by land to the north and the south.

But eyewitnesses said local residents gathered quickly and

opened fire as confused soldiers got out of truck near the town square. About 15 soldiers surrendered and the rest ran off, they said.

If Gjirokastrer goes over to the rebels, most of the south will be in their hands and Berisha will face a country which is split cleanly in two.

Rebels seized towns throughout the south last week in a popular uprising against Berisha. Locals blame Berisha for the collapse of five popular investment schemes in January, which wiped out the savings of tens of thousands of Albanians.

The armed militants controlling much of southern Albania have begun talking to each other in an effort to make common cause against the Berisha government.

Defense committees have formed in dozens of towns and villages in the south, their leaders controlling the roads linking the towns with heavily armed checkpoints.



An armed Albanian rebel waves during an anti-government demonstration in the southern port town of Sarande. (Reuters)

Royals riled over prince's confirmation

Diana annoyed with guest list

LONDON (AP) - Plans for Prince William's confirmation today have been marred by reports of arguments over the guest list and insults to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The private service - a Christian equivalent to bar mitzva, in which young people affirm their acceptance of church teachings, will be a milestone for the 15-year-old, destined to be king and head of the Church of England.

But the festivities have been blighted by his status as child of the world's most spectacularly broken marriage.

Scattered reports of hostilities over the guest list have built up steadily. The newspaper reports, as usual anonymously sourced, said Princess Diana was furious that Tiggy Legge-Bourke, who is companion to William and 12-year-old Prince Harry when they are with their father, would be a guest and help organize confirmation plans.

And the *Daily Mail* said yesterday Diana was annoyed to find that former staff members with whom she had strained relations had been invited.

Diana is widely reported to dislike Ms. Legge-Bourke's close relationship with her sons. The hostility between them went public last year when a famous libel lawyer acting for Ms. Legge-Bourke demanded Diana

withdraw remarks made to her during a party. The matter was settled privately and the insult involved was never authoritatively published.

Now, the *Daily Mail* reports, Ms. Legge-Bourke, 31, has decided on a tactical withdrawal and will not be present at the confirmation service. Neither will she accompany the young princes on their Easter holiday in Kenya with Prince Charles, as had been planned, the newspaper said.

When William does stand in Windsor Castle's 500-year-old Saint George's Chapel today, he will not be confirmed by Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, a member of the church's evangelical wing.

In a break with recent tradition, William will be confirmed by the Bishop of London, the Rt. Rev. Richard Chartres, a traditionalist.

"Royals Snub Archbishop" blared *The Daily Mail* Friday, referring to Carey's "royal humiliation." But Carey "wholeheartedly approves" of the choice of Bishop Chartres, responded the archbishop's Lambeth Palace office.

Buckingham Palace said Carey was not being snubbed and that "the Bishop of London is dean of the Chapels Royal, so it is entirely appropriate that he should be asked to officiate."

Zaire rebels amicable to UN plan

GOMA (Reuters) - Zaire rebel leader Laurent Kabila said yesterday rebels could accept a five-point UN plan as a basis for more discussions but a cease-fire could only come after talks.

"If we accept it then it is so that we can negotiate, the points on the plan are there for discussions," Kabila told a news conference in the eastern Zairean border city of Goma.

A cessation of hostilities is the first point of the five-point peace plan, which the United Nations Security Council adopted on February 18 and which the Zairean government accepted after the Zairean government agreed to the plan.

Kabila said his forces were meeting heavy resistance from soldiers of the Hutu former Rwandan army fighting on behalf of the Zairean government around Kisangani, the largest city in northeastern Zaire.

"We will negotiate the cease-fire with the Mobutists and there are no pre-conditions," said Kabila, referring to allies of Mobutu Sese Seko. Zaire's ailing president the rebels are fighting to topple.

Other points of the UN plan are withdrawal of all foreign forces, including mercenaries, reaffirmation of respect for the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of Zaire and other states of the region, the protection for all refugees and the convening of an international conference on Zaire.

Beirut orders trial for Red Army suspects

BEIRUT - A Beirut judge issued a trial order yesterday against five alleged Japanese Red Army terrorists charged with passport forgery and other offences carrying up to 10 years jail.

Investigative Judge Saed Mirza issued the order after nine hours of interrogation of Masao Adachi, Kozo Okamoto, Mariko Yamamoto, Kazuo Tohira and Haruo Wako.

Before the interrogation began the five suspects rejected two lawyers appointed for them by the official lawyer's union and appointed their own, Bahara Abu Saad.

Abu Saad, who attended the interrogation, told reporters that the Palace of Justice that the interrogation covered all the charges.

At least 50 lawyers volunteered on Friday to defend the Japanese, saying this was an act of loyalty towards the terrorists who had stood by Arabs in their struggle against Israel.

They were arrested on February 15 and Lebanon announced that it would try them for local offences despite Japanese hope of extraditing the five to face international charges arising from terrorist activities.

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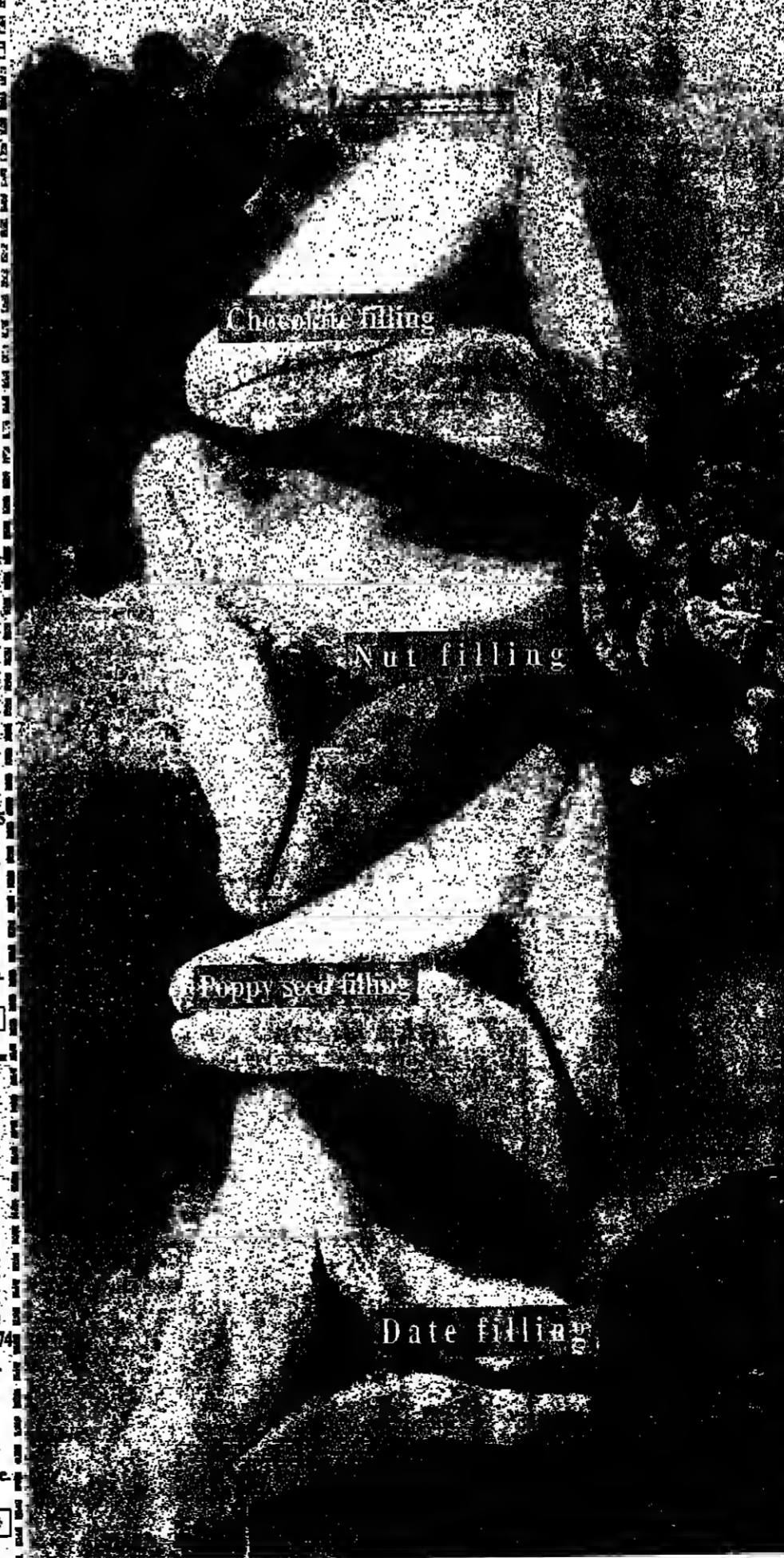
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20,000 Belgians mourn slain child

By ROBERT J. WIELAARD

BRUSSELS (AP) — Some 20,000 people attended a memorial ceremony yesterday at a mosque for a young girl found three days earlier in a gas station basement, the fifth victim of child sex murders that continue to rattle this country.

The body of Loubna Benaissa, nine when she disappeared in 1992 — was later flown to her parents' native Morocco for a Muslim funeral in Tangiers today.

The one-hour memorial was broadcast on national television.

It renewed the national pain, grief and shame over a spate of child sex murders and shocking shortcomings by Belgian police to investigate them properly.

The memorial ceremony was held at Brussels' main mosque, around the corner from the European Union head office.

The round building was filled to capacity by hundreds of people: Loubna's family and relatives, parents of other children murdered in child sex crimes or still missing, envoys of Arab nations and representatives of the Belgian government and royal family.

Police estimated a crowd outside the mosque at almost 20,000 — many of them Muslims in white head gear as a sign of mourning.

They stood under a pale sun in a city park watching the ceremony

on giant television screen. Many had tears in their eyes and held pictures of Loubna whose body was found Wednesday stuffed in a trunk in the basement of gas station near her Brussels home.

Police have arrested Patrick Derochette, a known child-abuser, who worked as a mechanic there. He has been charged him with the Aug. 5, 1992, abduction of the Moroccan girl and her subsequent sexual abuse and murder.

Derochette has not been linked to Marc Dutroux, a convicted child rapist, arrested last August for sexually abusing and killing four young girls whose funerals were also broadcast on national television last year.

However, his case rivals that of Dutroux when it comes to police bungling: a child abuser remains free for years. The license plate of a car with Loubna inside is reported after the girl's disappearance, but not checked out. A witness who heard a child cry was ignored. Documents were misplaced, names misspelled.

Loubna's sister Nabela Benaissa, 19, and other speakers had harsh words for that at yesterday's memorial.

They wondered why it took police almost five years to make an arrest or locate the young girl's body that had been hidden in the very neighborhood where she lived.

Paul Marchal, whose daughter

has allegedly been murdered by Dutroux, said, "Once again it has been shown that what could and should have happened, did not." A parliamentary inquiry into what ails Belgian law enforcement is to be completed this month. Such has been the extent of officialdom botching the investigations, that the hearings so far by the legislative commission have raised suspicions of a cover-up in the Marc Dutroux case.

Dutroux and Derochette both had records of sexual abuse of young children. Both were released early from prison, but not properly monitored nor considered as suspects on in the investigations of missing children.

Last October, 250,000 Belgians marched through Brussels demanding better law enforcement and more honest government.

That "White March" — the color signifying the innocence of children — has become a national movement with local chapters.

The mosque ceremony was a remarkable cultural mix. Moslems sat on carpets on the floor, but chairs were brought in for Justice Minister Stefan de Clerck, Brussels Mayor Jean-Francois Xavier de Donnea and other dignitaries.

Loubna's body was not wrapped in fabric in accordance with Islamic tradition, but taken to and from the mosque by hearse in a small white coffin.



A Russian couple poses for a photo in front of a procession of Communist supporters demonstrating in Moscow on Women's Day. The banner reads, 'Women will save Russia.'

New Microsoft browser bug found

SEATTLE (AP) — Another security flaw has turned up in Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser, the company has confirmed. Like the one found earlier in the week, it could enable a Web site operator to wreak havoc in someone else's computer.

This second defect would allow the operator to run programs secretly on another computer, send electronic mail under someone else's name, severely damage software stored on a hard drive or wipe out the hard drive altogether.

"Scary, isn't it?" said Dan Kusnetzky, a director at International Data Corp. in Framingham, Massachusetts, after hearing a description of the flaw. It was discovered by David Ross, a University of Maryland student.

In addition, a third bug, described by Microsoft officials as a variation of the flaw found earlier this week by students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts, was identified Friday by students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

David Fester, product manager for the Internet platforms division at Microsoft Corp.'s headquarters in Redmond, Washington, said software to repair all three flaws would be available on Microsoft's Internet site this weekend.

The most dangerous aspect of the second bug in Internet Explorer 3.0 is for users running Windows NT 4.0 with Service Pack 1 or 2 who are not protect-

ed by "firewalls," computer security barriers typically used by large business customers to prevent unauthorized entry through cyberspace.

The second bug would allow a malicious operator to put an innocuous-looking icon or graphic on a web page that, if double-clicked, would activate a damaging program or virus capable of bypassing security measures and secretly entering a user's personal computer.

Once inside, the program would be free to do whatever the operator wanted.

"For somebody to do this is very difficult," Fester said.

"At the same time, I don't mean to minimize this in any way.

"We're moving very rapidly to fix that." The software patch Microsoft developed to fix the previous problem won't fix the second bug, but a new patch should be available for free downloads on the World Wide Web within 48 hours, Fester said.

Ross, a senior majoring in computer science from Randallstown, Maryland, reported the second bug Thursday to Microsoft and described it on the Web, complete with point-and-click examples.

In a telephone interview, Ross said he discovered the flaw while checking out the previously identified defect.

"It came to me after about 10 or 15 minutes," Ross said.

Newspaper 'prophet' dies at 80

NEW YORK (AP) — Ruth Clark, a market research firm owner whose landmark study suggested that US newspapers cover family issues and other "soft news" to

keep circulations from declining, has died of lung cancer. She was 80.

In addition to her 1979 study, *Changing Needs of Changing*

Readers, Mrs. Clark helped introduce exit polls into American politics and journalism.

She began as a door-to-door questioner, eventually designing surveys and becoming a vice president at Louis Harris and Associates in the 1960s. She was a senior vice president at Yankelovich, Skelly and White until 1983, when she started her own market research firm, Clark, Martire and Bartolomeo.

She married Joseph Clark, who became the foreign editor of *The Daily Worker*. The couple moved to the Soviet Union in 1950, but became disillusioned and returned to the United States in 1953.

Yeltsin appoints liberal as first deputy premier

Hundreds protest Chubais's appointment

By ANATOLY VERBIN

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russia celebrated Women's Day yesterday with flowers and odes to the country's wives, mothers and daughters but some women used the day to protest the appointment of liberal Anatoly Chubais to a key government post.

Several hundred supporters of the Congress of Soviet Women and other groups demonstrated outside the Kremlin against President Boris Yeltsin's appointment of Chubais as first deputy prime minister.

"Down with Chubais" and "Fire Chubais" were among the chants of the mostly elderly pro-Communist crowd protesting against conditions in Russia. Some banged spoons on metal pans and bowls.

The Chubais appointment on Friday is likely to give momentum to free-market reforms in Russia, enrage the West and enrage the communist-dominated State Duma lower house of parliament.

The opposition hate "Iron Chubais" for his privatization campaign in 1992-1996 which they see as a cheap sell-off, and for his key role in Yeltsin's 1996 re-election victory.

Yeltsin marked the annual Women's Day holiday with a radio address, telling Russian women he adored them all but also using the chance to snipe at parliament and at his own government.

"When you try to resolve the problems of a family budget, you have to put more into it than our deputies or members of government, because, unlike them, you have to make a budget which can be met," he said.

Yeltsin said last week he had major doubts the spending plan could be fulfilled but he had signed it to avoid political turmoil. The government's plan was bad and the Duma had made it even worse, he said then.

Yeltsin's jovial tone yesterday matched the festive atmosphere in Russia but contrasted with the seriousness of his move bringing Chubais to the government.

The appointment of Chubais followed a decisive state of the nation speech to parliament by Yeltsin which marked his return to the helm of power after eight months of illness.

The West is sure to hail the new role for Chubais. He is trusted by the International Monetary Fund and the Group of Seven industrial nations and is capable of reviving confi-

dence that reforms in Russia are not stalled.

Shortly after the Chubais announcement, US President Bill Clinton also gave an optimistic prognosis for the Russian economy.

"I'm convinced that they have the capacity, if they make certain changes, to enjoy a phenomenal amount of economic growth in a relatively short time, which I think would help a lot of things in their country," he told a news conference.

Chubais is known for his fierce anti-communism and ability to ignore criticism. An excellent administrator and organizer, he not only generates ideas but is also capable of ensuring their implementation.

Yeltsin's Women's Day message followed the sentimental format developed in Soviet days.

"They are my words of love to you and I think (my wife) Naina Iosifovna will forgive me," the 66-year-old Russian leader said in a clear, light-hearted voice. "Russia is a country of immense riches but the biggest of all are you." Yeltsin acknowledged the burden borne in particular by Russian women, saying that they had to be "wonderfully inventive" to make ends meet.

Cambodian leader prefers prison to exile

PHNOM PENH (AP) — Cambodia's most prominent opposition leader said yesterday he would prefer prison to exile if convicted of what he calls politically motivated accusations that his party murdered the second prime minister's brother-in-law.

"I will not ask to be exiled," Sam Rainsy said. "I will stay in prison because I want to fight for the truth: I am not afraid." Sam Rainsy, leader of the opposition Khmer Nation Party, said that the

allegations were a divide-and-conquer ploy to destroy his new alliance with First Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh's royalist Funcinpec party and two smaller groups.

The National United Front alliance is targeting Hun Sen's former communist Cambodian People's Party, the country's most powerful political group, in legislative elections due next year.

Police announced this week that three members of Sam Rainsy's party had been arrested on charges of murdering Col. Kov Samuth, Hun Sen's brother-in-law, who was gunned down Nov. 19 outside a restaurant.

Among the suspects was Srun Vong Vannak, chief of security for Sam Rainsy's party. The opposition leader denied the other two — one of whom has reportedly con-

fessed to pulling the trigger in exchange for \$50,000 — were party members.

Sam Rainsy accuses Hun Sen and his supporters of fabricating the evidence. The former communists, who ruled Cambodia in the 1980s, with support from Vietnam's occupation army, still retain control over most of the security apparatus, including the police.

Hun Sen has said he wants to find out who ordered the killing, suggesting it was Sam Rainsy, who has been harshly critical of the second prime minister and his party for alleged corruption and political violence.

Rainsy has not been questioned or charged in the killing.

Hun Sen and Ranariddh have governed Cambodia in an uneasy coalition since UN-brokered elections in 1993.

Irish president meets pope



VATICAN CITY (Reuters) — Pope John Paul II discussed Ireland and the Northern Irish question with President Mary Robinson at an audience at the Vatican yesterday.

Chief Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls told reporters the two discussed "defense and promotion of spiritual values" in Ireland and the problems of the family.

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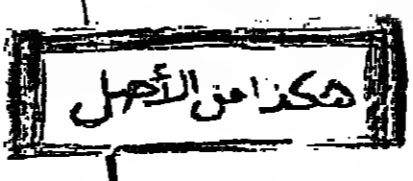
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Making peace is child's play

A Jerusalem synagogue is the latest playground for an initiative promoting peace and understanding among Jewish and Palestinian children, Ruth Mason reports

Five hours before Shabbat evening prayers, the sanctuary at Jerusalem's Congregation Kol Haneshama is transformed into a playground for peace.

The wooden ark containing the Torah scrolls remains in its place, but all the chairs have been pushed aside and the large, shiny marble floor is covered with circles of Palestinian and Jewish children holding hands, tossing balloons and crossing imaginary rivers together.

over silly handshakes and to mimic funny sounds. Without uttering a word, he keeps their delighted attention for 10 minutes before dividing them into three mixed groups to play with two pairs of Arab and Jewish teen facilitators trained for this purpose.

"The only image I had of Israelis was of soldiers trying to kill me."
—Rihab Jaber, age 16

While Israel is Play for Peace's first site outside the US, it has similar play days planned in Bosnia, Nicaragua and South Africa. Their purpose, according to co-founder Craig Dobkin, is to promote positive relationships among children from conflicting cultures by getting them to have fun together.

breath. Calling himself a "nice Jewish boy," Dobkin said he taught for 20 years before becoming involved in experiential learning full time.

His accident probably accelerated the beginnings of Play for Peace, which he created with a partner just under a year ago. "In my old job, everything was measurable, manageable, I wanted to be more in the world of creativity, of living in the unknown, the impossible," he said.

He roots through red plastic lips at a Jerusalem restaurant. He quotes academic research and Mother Teresa in the same



Saliba Rishmawi, 26, a Bir Zeit University English student active in the center, accompanied the children from Beit Sahur. "This is amazing," he said, watching the children run and laugh together.

playing are not the usual ones you see in parks and playgrounds. They are purposely structured so that there are no winners or losers. In many of them, the group has to work together in order to achieve a goal. The kids are quiet at first, most of them never before having had contact with a child from the other culture. But a fast game of elbow tag, in which you are "safe" when you link arms with someone else, gets them laughing.

Play for Peace's approach is two-tiered. A week before the gathering at Kol Haneshama, Dobkin and Candace Peterson, an experiential educator from Madison, Wisconsin, had spent two-and-a-half days at Jerusalem's YMCA, training teenagers from Jerusalem and Beit Sahur to teach non-competitive, participatory games to mixed groups of younger Arab and Jewish children. The plan is for the play days to continue once a month over the next year.

PLAY FOR PEACE is an initiative of an international organization called The Association for Experiential Education. According to Dobkin, experience is what counts. There is no talk here about peace, coexistence or tolerance. "You won't see the kids talking about their feelings here," he said.

"Words are a problem, not a solution. A picture is worth a thousand words," Dobkin continued, "but an experience is worth a thousand pictures." According to Dobkin, Play for Peace's work is based on research that shows that six- to 10-year-olds are the best age group to work with for their purposes. "It's the time when kids are just becoming aware of self, others, of different cultures and how they interact," said Peterson, who raised the money for her trip to Israel and is volunteering her time here. Dobkin also quotes a University of

Minnesota study that states that: "When I hear something, at the end of two weeks, I retain 10 percent of it. What I see and hear, I retain 20 percent. What I see, hear and do, I retain 80 percent. And what I see, hear, do and teach, I retain 97 percent."

This is the rationale behind getting teenagers from both cultures to learn and then teach the games to the younger children. It's clear from the way they greet each other at the start of the two-hour play period that the teenagers formed affectionate bonds during their two-and-a-half days of training. It's the common purpose of teaching younger children that creates the bonds, Dobkin says.

By the end of the two hours, the children ask if they will be able to do this again. "Fun," "fantastic," and "wonderful," are the words they use to describe their experience. "I learned a little Arabic and I learned that when people get together, they can do something big even when they are small," said one 10-year-old from the Agron School in the large closing circle.

"I thought Israelis and Jews were bad people who came here to steal our land," said a counterpart from Beit Sahur. "But now I see they are people you can play with and make peace with." Ribab Jaber, 16, from Beit Sahur, said she had never talked to an Israeli before her Play for Peace training last week. "I thought it would be impossible for me to talk with them," she said. "I was small when the intifada began and the only image I had of Israelis was of soldiers trying to kill me." "But I wanted the challenge. I managed to make friends. I know now that people aren't the problem. The people want peace. It's a problem of governments."

SHABBAT HALOM



By SHMUEL RISKIN

The following is last week's portion, Ki Tisa, which was not published due to a technical error.

"God told Moses to speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'But my Sabbaths shall you observe, for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.'" (Ex. 31:13-18)

Sanctity of Shabbat above all

tions, to exclude (ama'et) the Sabbath from the construction of the Tabernacle. Hence, the Torah is emphasizing that despite the best of intentions, no work on the tabernacle can take place on the Sabbath.

Nahmanides disagrees sharply with Rashi's use of the exegetical laws. Indeed, according to biblical rules of hermeneutics, the result should be the opposite of what Rashi claims: not excluding the tabernacle from work on the Sabbath, but rather excluding the usual Sabbath prohibitions and allowing the tabernacle to be constructed even on the Sabbath.

tishmoru. "You must still observe my Sabbaths"; the Sabbath is holier.

Quite simply, the sanctity of time is greater than the sanctity of space. One of the reasons for this is that a sanctuary in time (to use A.J. Heschel's beautiful metaphor for the Sabbath) can never be destroyed by human weapons, whereas a sanctuary in space (the Holy Temple) has been destroyed twice. Perhaps as a consequence, the Jews have managed to live without their Temple, but could never have survived as a people without the Sabbath.

once discussing holiness. The Vooriker compared the commandment to live in a succa (booth) for the week of Succot with that of taking the "four species" during the same week. According to him, the succa was the more sacred command because, while the command of the four species enabled one to hold holiness, when in the succa it is holiness which holds the individual.

God is the one who gave us the Sabbath. God is the one who is introducing us to holiness. The greatest recognition of this is the recognition of the inherent holiness of the human being, created in His image, and the development of human compassion and sensitivity towards others, through which we become more God-like.

HEADS 'N' TAILS

Feeding pets raw meat

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

One of the most common questions asked by dog and cat owners is whether they have to cook meat, poultry and fish for their pets or if they can feed these products raw.

vicious, it won't. It might, however, make it healthy. Another common query is about feeding chicken bones. All experts caution against feeding dogs chicken bones but most owners still do. Chicken bones, in some circumstances, can splinter, creating a mass of small, very sharp bone needles. In some cases these can puncture the stomach or intestine.

As for sweets, cats aren't a problem because most cats don't care for them but dogs have a "sweet tooth." The myth that giving a dog sweets will cause it to have worms is false, parasites come from infection with the eggs or larvae of parasites, not from candy. But like people, dogs can get a lot of dental problems from sweets and it is certainly best to avoid them. They do not need this sugar and it is preferable to treat them with a dog biscuit.

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AUSSIE SCUD LAUNCHER - Mark Philippoussis unleashes another rocket serve by Byron Black during their match at the Scottsdale ATP Tour event on Friday.

Aussie's serve sets mark

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (Reuter) - Australian Mark Philippoussis is known for his big serve. After Friday he will be known for the biggest serve of all. The towering 20-year-old, nicknamed "Scud", unleashed a serve Friday that was clocked by the radar at a record-breaking 142 miles per hour (228.5 kph). "I knew it was big but I didn't know it was that big," said Byron Black of Zimbabwe, who was on the receiving end of the world's fastest serve. "I didn't even see it."

73-minute match. "I didn't try to hit it hard but my rhythm was so smooth. I didn't even feel like I hit the ball in," he said of the blast that put him ahead 4-1 in the second set. But upon hearing the crowd reaction, the 6-foot-4 (1.94 m) Philippoussis knew something was up and quickly glanced at the radar readout before raising his arms triumphantly. "The crowd was pretty excited, so I knew it was big," he said. Said Black: "He just put on a tremendous display of power, not only with his serve but his groundstrokes. He was teeing off on everything." Philippoussis does not intend to allow his record to last for long. "I'm always going to try to even beat this one," he said, "maybe even tomorrow."

Ali dominates list of best fighters of the last 75 years

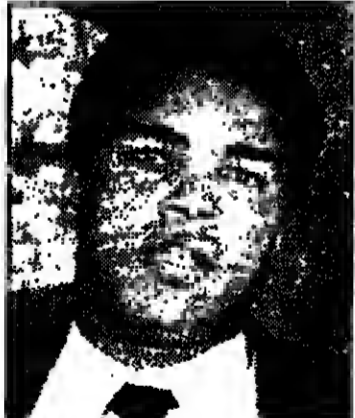
NEW YORK (Reuter) - In a weekend set aside to honor the best fighters of the last 75 years - or at least their best parts - Muhammad Ali dominates the attention.

Ali was nominated in four categories - Best Fighter, Best Fight, Best Boxer and Best Chin - as part of The Ring Magazine's celebration of its 75th anniversary.

Ironically, it was the former Cassius Marcellus Clay's remarkable chin that not only played a big part in taking him to the heavyweight championship three times, but also likely contributed to the Parkinson's Syndrome he suffers from today.

Ali could, and did, absorb tremendous punishment in his memorable bouts, including, of course, the "Rumble in The Jungle" against George Foreman in Kinshasha, Zaire, in 1974.

It was that fight that gave boxing the phrase "Rope A Dope." Ali's term for his tactic against Foreman of leaning against the ropes and letting the awesomely-powerful



CHAMP - Muhammad Ali

Foreman pound away on him.

Finally, in the eighth round, when Foreman's punches were fewer and less powerful, Ali lashed out with a rapid-fire combination to knock down a tired, surprised Foreman to win the heavyweight title before 62,000 people.

Ali also was nominated for the Best Fight, his 14th round knock-

out of Joe Frazier in the 1975 "Thrilla In Manila." Ali said that fight was the closest anyone could come to death.

In further testament to his talents, Ali also was nominated as Best Fighter, in the voting for the Ring's championship belt, which was awarded at a dinner in Bally's casino last night.

Foreman was nominated for Best Puncher, Best Knockout - his November, 1994, one-punch knockout of Michael Moorer to win the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation titles - and Best Round for the fourth round of his fight against Ron Lyle in 1976.

Joe Louis was nominated for Best Fighter and Best Puncher. The legendary Sugar Ray Robinson was nominated as Best Pound-Four-Pound Fighter.

A portion of the proceeds from the fighters' autograph sessions will be donated to an organization that raises money for indigent fighters, a Ring Magazine spokesman said.

IOC narrows down city choices for 2004 Games

LAUSANNE (Reuter) - The International Olympic Committee (IOC) selected Athens, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Rome and Stockholm as the five final candidates to host the 2004 Summer Games on Friday. The cities, chosen from the 11 candidates bidding for the Games, will now go forward to a vote of the full IOC session on September 5, also in Lausanne, when the venue will be decided. The unlucky candidates were Istanbul, Lille, Rio de Janeiro, San Juan, Seville and St. Petersburg.

after studying a detailed technical report of each bid and hearing presentations from all 11 candidates on Thursday. There were no real surprises in the five chosen cities with Athens, Buenos Aires, Rome and Stockholm coming out best from the IOC's evaluation report on the technical merits of their bids. Cape Town was expected to be added to the list for geographical and political reasons. The continent of Africa has never staged an Olympic Games and many sporting leaders have said in the past that South Africa deserves international

recognition for its transition from the apartheid era. The selection of Buenos Aires also offers South America the chance to stage the Olympics for the first time. Rome and Athens are expected to be the front-runners even though both have staged the Games before. Rome last held the Summer Olympics in 1960 but has facilities which are the envy of many other candidates. Athens are pushing strongly as the city where the modern Games began in 1896.

Strengths and weaknesses of the bidders

Table with columns for Athens, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Rome, and Stockholm. Each row lists strengths and weaknesses for the respective city's bid for the 2004 Olympics. Athens: Strengths include local support and facilities; weaknesses include environment and budget. Buenos Aires: Strengths include local support and venues; weaknesses include environment and budget. Cape Town: Strengths include local support and venues; weaknesses include environment and budget. Rome: Strengths include local support and venues; weaknesses include environment and budget. Stockholm: Strengths include local support and venues; weaknesses include environment and budget.

Florida continues to fade in home loss to Calgary

MIAMI (AP) - The Florida Panthers continued their late-season swoon, losing 3-1 to the Calgary Flames Friday night as Dave Gagner scored two goals. The Panthers, last season's Stanley Cup finalists, continued to fade in the Atlantic Division. They have just one win in their last 10 games (1-7-2). Their only consolation was that they snapped a two-game scoreless streak. The Panthers finally got a goal when Ray Sheppard scored midway through the second period.

Gagner scored three minutes into the game, and added an empty-net goal with 31 seconds left. Mike Sullivan scored for Calgary early in the third period, only his fourth of the season.

Hill swallows his pride with a smile

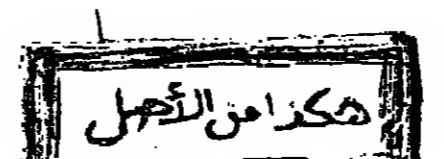
MELBOURNE (Reuter) - Damon Hill was disappointed for more than one reason after squeezing on to the back row of the grid for today's season-opening Australian Grand Prix. "For a moment," he said, "I thought I was going to have a Saturday night out in Melbourne..." More seriously, he was relieved - but disappointed at his qualifying performance in his first outing with his new Arrows Yamaha team. He had just avoided becoming the first world drivers' champion to fail to qualify for the next race he entered. "One minute, we were not going to be in the race at all, the next minute, we made it," he said. "We were beset with problems with the race car so I had to take the spare car and it wasn't really set upright, but I don't think qualifying 20th is representative of our

true pace. "I hope we can do a lot better in the race than we have done in qualifying and I am not just here to get to the finish, I am here to get the best possible result I can. "It is the first race of the season, we haven't done to well in testing and when we get some running I think we can do better." Hill had not expected to dominate qualifying as his old Williams team mate Jacques Villeneuve did with ease. But had not expected to be left struggling at the back of the grid - and battling to get into the race. "I've got to admit it is disappointing to be 20th," he said. "But the race scenario is quite different. If we can finish it will be really good and I am hopeful. What else can I be?" His team chief Tom Walkinshaw made no excuses. Hill was on the back row of the grid and his team mate Pedro Dinis of Brazil had failed to qualify.

Table with 12 columns: Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and National Hockey League standings. Columns include GP, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA, Home, Road.

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LAST CHANGE	AMEX	NASDAQ
Am Israel Paper Mills	45.5	+0.75
Amig American Israel	5.375	+0.1875
Eni Leasing	4.25	+0.125
Eni Leasing GA	4.25	+0.125
Integrated Technology	11.125	+0.625
Carroll Computers Sys	11.125	+0.625

LAST	CHANGE
Biotechnology General	18.825
BVAI Technology	5.875
Chapin Software	18.875
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Chapin Technology	5.875
Crystal Systems Solutions	13.75
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LAST	CHANGE
U.S. Intelligent Info	7.025
Israel Land Develop -ADR	14
IPDO	6.25
First Intel	13.75
Intertec	0.375
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WALL STREET REPORT

US stocks gain on jobs data

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks and bonds rose sharply Friday after February jobs data showed little upward pressure on wages, easing worries that the Federal Reserve would raise interest rates soon.

The dollar was mixed. The Dow Jones Industrial average closed up 56.19 points at 7,000.89 after a rally of as much as 74 points. For the week, the Dow rose 123.15 points.

In the broader market, advancing issues beat declines 1,626 to 869 on active volume of 505 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The market appeared exhausted after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's talk this week on the economy and stocks put Wall Street on pins and needles.

At every turn, it seemed, investors were preparing for one event that would settle unquestionably the near-term outlook for interest rates and inflation.

The nervousness was evident as the Dow index fell 66 points on Tuesday and rallied 93 points on Wednesday.

"You had people coming in expecting the world to end when Greenspan spoke," said Dick Stein, vice president at US Clearing Corp. "When it didn't, they came in again to expect the world to end." The monthly payroll report included data that initially appeared to realize some of Wall Street's worst fears.

Key Representative Rates

US DollarNIS 3.3690 - 0.03%

SterlingNIS 5.4148 - 0.10%

MarkNIS 1.9644 + 0.10%

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

Index	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	7000.89	+56.19
DJ Transport	2447.86	+16.72
DJ Life	226.56	+0.71
DJ Comp	217.88	+1.31
NYSE Index	269.33	+3.36
NYSE Transp	278.33	+1.22
NYSE Comp	43.83	+0.58
S&P 100	780.29	+3.97
S&P 500	854.77	+4.41

NYSE STOCKS

Unchanged	Advances
Declines	426
Share Movements	1632
SI	

OTHER STOCK MARKET INDEXES

Index	Last	Change
FTSE 100	1299	+0.12
Dax Index	1819.7	+0
Singapore all-share index	1233.3	+0
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	3333.3	+0
Brazil Ibov	276.17	+0.09

DOLLAR CROSS-RATES (US)

Country	Last	Change
British Pound	1.6289	+0.012
French Franc	6.5595	+0.012
German Mark	1.6366	+0.012
Japanese Yen	136.07	+0.012
Swiss Franc	1.4836	+0.012
Canadian Dollar	0.7463	+0.012
Australian Dollar	0.7563	+0.012
New Zealand Dollar	0.6903	+0.012
South African Rand	13.76	+0.012
Israeli Sheqel	3.3690	-0.03%

US COMMODITIES

Commodity	Last	Change
Crude Oil (WTI)	19.57	-0.05
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Silver (spot)	5.21	+0.00

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SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

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NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

Metal	Last	Change
Gold (Apr)	342.50	-0.37
Silver (Apr)	5.21	-0.04
Palladium (Apr)	100.75	-1.25
High-grade copper (May)	1.114	-0.006

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GREENSPAN'S PARTY

NEW YORK (AP) - In truth, nobody wants the party to continue more than Alan Greenspan. But the hour is late, after all, with the economy and the markets working on their seventh straight year of prosperity, and inflation is sleeping fitfully just next door. So if everyone, just next door to a bit, including the Federal Reserve chairman himself, maybe the band can keep playing.

As Friday's employment report demonstrated, the economy can continue to grow, producing jobs and boosting company earnings, without the type of steep inflation that usually leads to higher interest rates and recession.

Essentially, that's exactly what Greenspan was suggesting Wednesday in his remarks to the House Banking Committee, the second half of his semiannual report to Congress. But some saw it as nothing more than an exercise in back-pedaling by a chastened public official.

Either way, investors heaved a sigh of relief when Greenspan took a far less alarming tone than he did in his appearance before the Senate Banking Committee a week earlier. Those barbs about the inflationary risks of investor enthusiasm produced a three-session pullback in the stock market. This past week, a kinder, gentler Greenspan spurred a 93-point rally by the Dow Jones industrial

WORLD MARKET REPORT

London sets record

LONDON (Reuters) - Shares pushed further into record territory, closing higher for the fourth consecutive session and for the 13th time this year as Wall Street continued to defy gravity.

The FTSE 100 closed 21.0 points higher at 4,420.3. The index jumped 112 points during the week and has risen by 302 points so far this year.

FRANKFURT - The IBIS DAX index put a brief record of profit-taking behind it and headed into the weekend back in bullish mood after higher than expected U.S. jobless data gave the stock market a lift.

The IBIS DAX-30 index ended the day at 3,419.51 points. Earlier the DAX index, which tracks bourse trade in 30 German blue-chips, finished down 41.40 points at 3,376.20 but showing a rise of 116.56 over the week.

TOKYO - Stocks swung into positive territory to end higher as buy backs in futures emerged to prop up cash stocks which were dashed by Nomura Securities Co Ltd's disclosure of involvement of directors in apparently irregular deals. The Nikkei 225 ended 157.41 points higher at 18,198.74 to show a drop of 358.26 since last week.

JOHANNESBURG - Industrial shares ended weak in quiet trade ahead of the budget and the futures close-out. Gold was softer on a weak bulid price. Dealers said the market was like-

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Domestic Res	112.25
Domestic (RFI)	28.875
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CURRENCY REPORT

Dollar sets another three-year high against mark

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar hit its fourth straight three-year high against the mark Friday on strong US jobs data, but a rebound in the German currency left the dollar mixed in late foreign-exchange dealings.

Broad weakness in the yen, rumors of central bank selling of dollars and a senior Bundesbank official's assertion that the dollar's appreciation against the mark was complete all contributed to the US currency's pullback.

The dollar still settled at a five-week high vs. the British pound, which fell broadly on lower inflation prospects and growing political uncertainty in Britain, where the opposition Labor Party could win elections that must be called in less than three months.

There was a lot of jockeying around today, really," said Vicki Martin, senior vice president and foreign-exchange manager at Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. in New York.

"Europe strengthened to some degree against the dollar, and the yen weakened against Europe and the dollar." In intraday trading the dollar reached a high of 1.7210

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Noam Sheriff leads the Israel Chamber Orchestra in Schubert's Fifth Symphony and Prokofiev's Classical Symphony...

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There are some roles that make actors salivate. That of Maria Callas is one of them. Playwright Terence McNally's Tony Award-winning Master Class is a tour de force...



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emotional personal world of Shizuma which means serenity, the serenity that comes after pain. At the Jerusalem Theater on the Sherover stage tonight and tomorrow night at 8:30.

LECTURE

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Adult fairy tales? Sure. Why not? Austrian writer and storyteller Folke Tegethoff has been spinning them ever since his first book rocketed to fame in 1978.

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

Sankai Juku, Japan's foremost exponents of Butoh, are here with Shizuma, a piece in seven movements for five dancers...

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6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:35 Exercise Time
7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Herzl and Zionism
8:30 Galileo
9:00 Geography
9:20 Nature
9:30 English
9:45 Programs for the very young

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Motormice from Mars
15:55 Body - animation
16:00 Five on the Roof
16:25 Byler Grove
16:45 Super Ben
16:55 Zap to Basel
17:00 A New Evening
17:24 Zap!

CHANNEL 1

18:15 News in English
18:15 Social Sciences
18:45 Arithmetic
11:10 English
12:00 Mathematics in Daily Life

TV

CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's Programs
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9:00 This Morning
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10:45 Dynasty (pt)
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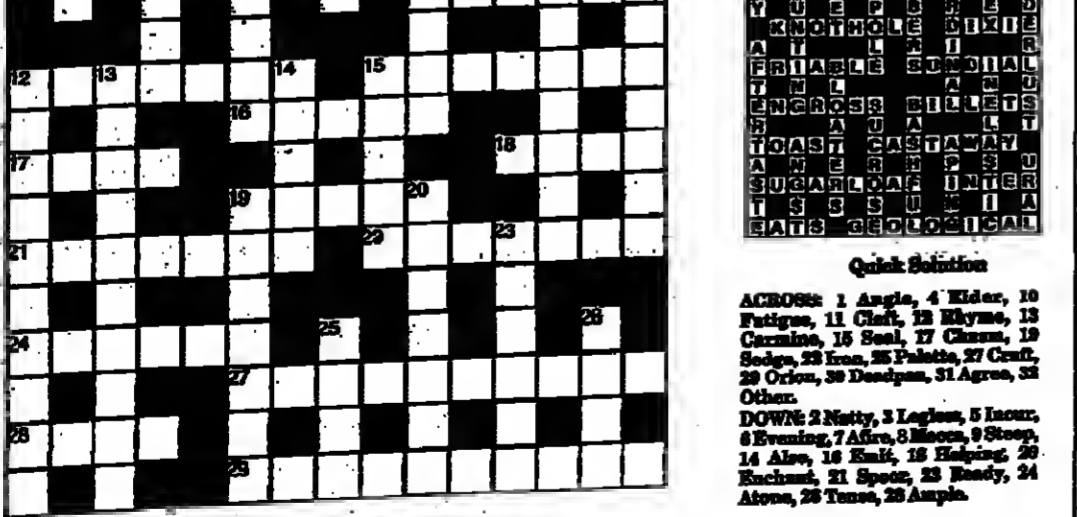
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1 Clowns with pins and needles vanquish fashion... 7 Set against players brought in unofficially... 19 Rather less gentlemanly chaser, as they say...

SOLUTIONS



QUICK CROSSWORD

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Police hope Bar-On probe in final week

By Jerusalem Post Staff

A number of the central figures in the Bar-On Affair are to be questioned again this week, some of them under caution, as the probe enters what police hope will be its seventh and final week.

Those expected to be questioned include Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman, Shas MK Aryeh Deri, Roni Bar-On, and Likud activist David Appel.

Police are investigating allegations revealed by Channel 1 television, according to which Shas made a deal to support the Hebron agreement in exchange for Bar-On being appointed attorney-general and arranging a plea bargain for Deri, who is on trial for fraud.

Today a decision is to be made whether to request Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who has not yet been questioned, may be called to give evidence this week. Hammer abstained in the cabinet vote on the Bar-On appointment.

Over the weekend, police and the State Attorney's Office were

reported to be in disagreement over the legal implications of the findings thus far.

The police are reportedly inclined to recommend serving indictments against several personalities in the probe on charges of conspiracy, fraud, and breach of trust. However, the State Attorney's Office is taking a more conservative stance and is not yet prepared to recommend indictments.

Senior police officers and officials in the State Attorney's Office, including State Attorney Edna Arbel, reportedly had a heated discussion on the issue over the weekend.

However, spokesmen for the police and the State Attorney's Office denied the reports, saying they had not yet discussed whether to serve indictments.

Most of the police evidence focuses on Deri, who allegedly acted to bring about Bar-On's appointment out of extraneous and personal considerations, and Hanegbi, who is suspected of breach of trust in presenting incorrect facts regarding the appointment to the cabinet and the prime minister.

Mordechai, Shahak give IAF pep talk

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The IAF, under fire from the media and parents of some of the 73 soldiers who were killed in the February 4 helicopter collision, got a pep talk from Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak over the weekend.

Mordechai met with top IAF commanders, including all branch and base commanders, for three hours on Friday to discuss the atmosphere in the force in the wake of the helicopter tragedy and subsequent inquiry.

"I heard from them about their great pain over the tragedy... but I can't put the blame on anyone," Mordechai said.

The IAF commanders took issue with the public's growing hostility toward the force as the inquiry headed by former OC Air

Force David Ivry proceeds. Mordechai and Shahak told the IAF commanders that they had the full backing of the military and the government.

The defense minister rejected calls to dismiss senior air force commanders, including OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliyahu.

"The air force commanders are wonderful people and the air force is responsible for defending the state and in some circumstances even our existence," Mordechai said on Army Radio.

But Mordechai said if the Ivry commission of inquiry revealed that there were people against whom action had to be taken, the army would do so.

"A terrible tragedy has befallen us with very deep consequences," Mordechai said in a statement.



Yoel Herzog speaks to the press outside Grasse Prison on Friday, after being released on bail.

Yoel Herzog released on bail

By ELDAD BECK

PARIS - Israeli businessman Yoel Herzog, son of former president Chaim Herzog, was released on bail Friday from a French prison, where he had been held since December on suspicion of involvement in a corruption scandal in Cannes.

Herzog, 47, who works for his father-in-law, Swiss businessman and vice president of the World Jewish Congress Nessim Gaon, returned immediately after his release to Geneva, where

he lives with his wife and four children.

The investigating magistrate in the case said Herzog would be called to stand trial in two months' time, but sources close to the investigation said the trial would take place later, since more time is needed to collect evidence.

Herzog is one of the directors of Gaon's Noga group, which owns the Noga Hilton Hotel in Cannes. Allegations have been made against Gaon and Herzog that they bribed Cannes' mayor for a license to operate a casino in the

hotel. Gaon's and Herzog's lawyers claim that the mayor extorted the bribe by using threats and other forms of pressure.

French authorities had invited Herzog, who has Israeli and Swiss citizenship, to France to answer questions in connection with the allegations. Herzog came to Grasse on his own volition on December 2, but was immediately arrested. His lawyers say the three-month incarceration was in complete violation of international law.

Half of Swiss support fund

By MARILYN HENRY

Half the Swiss support the government plan to launch the humanitarian fund for Holocaust victims and others, although there was significant opposition, according to a poll published over the weekend.

The plan is to use the "income" from SF7 billion in official gold reserves to start the fund, which will aid victims of the Holocaust, human rights abuses and disasters. The fund also has drawn mainly right-wing criticism, and was opposed by 33 percent of 600 people surveyed, according to the newspaper *Berner Zeitung*.

The random poll still reflected the first sign of popular support after two days of criticism, led by industrialist Christoph Blocher, that suggested that the idea could be shot down in a referendum.

"This is a pleasant surprise. This result demonstrates a very widespread willingness among the Swiss people to support solidarity," government spokesman Achille Casanova told the newspaper about the poll.

The *Berner Zeitung* survey was sharp contrast to a telephone survey by the tabloid *Blick* that appeared on Friday. Under the banner headline "No!", the tabloid said 90% of nearly 4,000 callers had denounced the plan as a waste of Swiss central bank gold reserves.

The government fund is separate from a humanitarian fund launched last month by the three leading Swiss banks. Last Thursday, a federation of Swiss companies said it will contribute \$46 million to that fund - the so-called "private fund" - bringing to \$188 million the amount to compensate needy Nazi victims.

USAF, Justice apologize for boycotting Jews

NEW YORK (AP) - The US Air Force and Justice Department have settled charges that they had ordered the exclusion of Jews from a government project in Saudi Arabia, despite a law banning US companies from respecting the Arab boycott of Israel and Jews, reports said.

The charges were brought by the Commerce Department, which is authorized to enforce the anti-boycott law. The settlement, recently filed with the Commerce Department, was first reported last Wednesday by *The Journal of Commerce*.

As part of the settlement, the Justice Department and Air Force apologized and promised to abide by the law. An Air Force colonel first suggested excluding Jews and "Jewish-surnamed personnel," and a Justice Department official approved it, according to the settlement. There was no evidence that the government of Saudi Arabia played any role in the exclusion.

The settlement stemmed from a 1991 lawsuit filed against the United States by The Boeing Co. The government hired an outside contractor, CACI Inc. of Virginia, to photocopy thousands of documents in Saudi Arabia to prepare for the lawsuit, which concerned military sales abroad.

A proposal for the project contained the provision: "No Jews or Jewish-surnamed personnel will be sent as part of the Document Acquisition Team because of cultural differences between Moslems and Jews in the region."

At least one Jewish worker was denied employment on the project and was compensated. The Commerce Department imposed a fine of \$15,000 against CACI, *The New York Times* reported yesterday. As part of the settlement, CACI signed a statement that it was mistaken "to follow orders from two federal government agencies" on the assumption that the orders were legal, the *Times* reported. Fines against individual company and government officials were suspended.

Responding to the report, Defense Secretary William Cohen has instructed all branches of the military to ensure such discrimination is not repeated.

stand for the further strengthening of relations between us and Israel."

The president said he had been "impressed greatly" when he met Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in Lisbon in December and said he expects to visit Israel later this year.

Karimov stressed his country's firm stand against the spread of Islamic fundamentalism and great respect for the traditions of Uzbekistan's 30,000 Jews.

"Fundamentalism of any kind is absolutely unacceptable to us," he said, citing threats to the central Asian republic from neighboring Afghanistan and Iran.

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Lebanon lifts Netanyahu book ban

BEIRUT (Reuters) - Lebanon's information minister has overruled a ban on distribution of materials published in Israel and authorized the sale of a book by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu's book would help the Lebanese understand what Israel is up to, information Minister Bassam Sabaa said.

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